

# THE Agawam Independent



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## JHS TYPISTS

### RECEIVE AWARDS

Principal Raymond Harris of the Junior High School has released the list of typewriting awards presented students in Grade 8 at the recent assembly. The awards were based on a series of five-minute timed writings with an error limit of five. Awards were presented by Mrs. Mary O'Rourke of the junior high faculty.

Principal Harris noted that the records of some of the students would compare favorably with the speed of typists in many business offices.

Donna Fadgen topped the list with a speed of 55 words per minute and Lynn Giard was second with 54 words. Other awards included: 51 words, Gerald Alfano, Violet Montagna, Donald Wade; 49, James Elasmay; 48, Donna Plante, Francis Lowell; 47, Susan Scherpa; 46, Deborah Gaunt, Patricia Harkins, Karen Masi; 45, James Chicklas, Richard Taylor.

Also, 44 words, Christine Fleming, Dale Nichols, Christine Stellato, Beverly Stelmak; 43, Kevin Littlefield, David Picchi, John Sullivan; 42, Harold Atwater, Holly Kistner; 41, Ronice DiDonato, Deborah Dugan, Mary Martin, Sharon O'Keefe, Brian Ormsby, Charles Tyler, Paul Veronesi; 40, Anthony Chiba, Walter Ennaco, Karen Loncrini, Donna Ploof, Kurt Raschi, Eileen Russell, Diane Soderman.

## VWWI Joint

### Meeting Tuesday

A joint meeting of the Walter S. Kerr Barracks, No 396 Veterans of World War One and the Auxiliary will be held in the National Guard Armory on Maynard Street, Tuesday evening Feb. 25.

This will be preceded by a Pot Luck Supper that will be served at 6:30.

This is the first meeting of the new year and some very important business will have to be transacted. Therefore it is hoped to have a large attendance of members at this meeting.

## HAVE YOU SEEN "PATCHES"



Have you seen this dog? If so, notify his owner Rosemary Fidele of 49 North St., Agawam, Apartment 7.

"Patches" is two years old, male terrier and has white fur with black markings as shown in picture above.

REWARD — REWARD  
RE 7-2319 or RE 2-3112  
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MARTHA PILKINGTON

Miss Martha Pilkington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Pilkington of 251 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, has been named to the Dean's List at Bay Path Junior College in Longmeadow, Mass., for the first semester which ended Jan. 29.

Miss Pilkington is a junior majoring in the medical secretarial course. She is a graduate of Agawam High School, class of '63.



ELAINE T. BORGATTI

Miss Elaine Theresa Borgatti, daughter of Sgt. and Mrs. Romeo Borgatti of Prospect Street, has been accepted at Westfield State College.

A senior at Agawam High School, Elaine is an active member of the Future Teachers of America Club, French Club, Drama Club, and Personality Club. She plans to major in elementary education.

## WOMEN'S CLUB MEET MONDAY

The Agawam Women's Club will hold its February meeting Monday the 24th at the Captain Charles Leonard House at 8 p.m. The program for the evening will be a talk and colored slides presented by a Westover Information Officer on the "Mission of the Strategic Air Command". Since this is a subject of interest to both men and women, husbands are invited to attend.

Two collections will be taken for the projects of the Massachusetts Federation of Women's Clubs. "Dimes for Liberty" are to be used for the museum at the Statue of Liberty and "Pennies for Art" are used to provide scholarships for deserving young artists.

Mrs. Charles Kistner, art committee chairman, has arranged for the Hallmark Traveling Exhibit of paintings and photography to be on display.

The hospitality committee consists of Mrs. Manning Case, chairman, assisted by Mrs. Stanley Bonkowski, Mrs. Laurier Cote, Mrs. Frederick Egbert, Mrs. Kistner and Mrs. Arthur Strole.

## W S GARDEN CLUB MEETS TODAY

A meeting was held on Feb. 5th by the newly organized West Springfield Garden Club at Mrs. Misk's Greenhouse and the following officers were elected: Mrs. Richard Pipan, president; Mrs. Irwin Franklin, vice-president; Mrs. L. C. Schlimmer, secretary; Mrs. Robert Moberly, treasurer; Mrs. Felix Rogers, publicity.

The next meeting will be held today in the West Springfield Public Library at 7 p.m.

Mr. Howard Fife, advisor for the club, will speak on planning the summer garden. The public is invited and there is no charge.

The club will have a booth in the Conn. Valley Flower Show starting Feb. 26th and ending March 1st.

## On Dean's List



President John W. Lederle of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, recently announced that Leonard K. Charest, son of Selectman and Mrs. Raymond E. Charest of 97 Silver St., Agawam, has been named to the Dean's List for the past semester.

Mr. Charest, a member of the junior class, and a government major, is also active in extra curricular activities at the University. He is a member of various clubs, committees, and student government organizations and also a member of Theta Chi Fraternity.

## POST OFFICES CLOSED FEB. 22

Washington's Birthday, February 22, will be observed as a national holiday. The Agawam Center and Feeding Hills Post Office will be closed all day. No window service or mail delivery service will be provided on that day.

However, patrons are reminded that they may deposit outgoing mail in the collection box located directly in front of the post office. Mail deposited prior to 3 p.m. Saturday will be delivered to any point in New England on Monday.

## Troop 77 Present Awards At Annual Banquet

Troop 77, of St. John the Evangelist Church, held their third annual banquet, Sunday night in the church hall. Invocation was given by Rev. John P. Shannon, Pastor of St. John's, and the Toastmaster for the evening was Rev. Joseph O'Neil, assistant Pastor.

Guest speakers for the evening were Rev. John P. Shannon; Philippe Raiche, Scoutmaster of Troop 77; Committee Chairman, John Nahajlo; J. Paul Morin, president of the Catholic's Men's Club, which sponsors the troop; Eugene Ouimet, Ramapogue District Commissioner; and Mr. Charles Healey, past president of the Hampden Council Boy Scouts, and presently Purchasing Agent for the City of Springfield.

Three boys were chosen to represent the troop at the annual National Jamboree, at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, next July 7th to the 15th. Chosen for their outstanding qualities in scouting, they are: Donald Raiche, John Nahajlo, and Michael Demko.

Two scouts who joined scouting under the leadership of the former scoutmaster, Mr. Frank Kusiak, and who have displayed good scouting spirit and earned the right to receive a special award medal of recognition are: 1st Class Scout Francis Doyle, and 1st Class Scout Ronald Novak. Both boys have also received the Catholic Scouting Award "AD Altar Dei" medals. An award for Junior Leadership Training Guide Week was presented to

Donald Raiche, Senior Patrol Leader.

Other awards that were presented were: Two Year Service Pins to: Michael Demko, George Huba, John Nahajlo, and Michael Tyler. Three Year Pins were presented to: Gary Metzger, Dale Wilson, and David Cirillo. Two Year Pins were presented to Mr. John Nahajlo, committee chairman, Mr. Arthur Cirillo, asst. Scoutmaster, Mr. Daniel Manning, treasurer, Mr. Charles Tyler, advancement chairman and to Mr. Jack Hebert, asst. Scoutmaster. A Four Year Pin was presented to Philippe Raiche, Scoutmaster. Chairman for the banquet was Mr. Daniel Manning and cochairman was Mr. William Guevin.

## Agawam High School Band To Entertain

Agawam High School Band will play at the Governor's Washington Birthday reception at the State House, Boston, Saturday, Feb. 22nd.

By special request of the Governor the band will leave Saturday morning at 8 and play at the Hall of Flags around 11 o'clock.

Members will have luncheon at the State House and then take a short tour of a few historic points before leaving for home around 4 o'clock.

A special rehearsal will be held Friday (Feb. 21) at 2 o'clock at the high school.

## Reverend Wire Guest Preacher

### At Valley Community Church

Rev. Hugh Wire, North End Area Minister for the Greater Springfield Council of Churches will be the preacher at Old Storowton Church at the 11 o'clock service, Sunday, Feb. 23rd.

Mr. Wire is an ordained minister in the United Presbyterian Church, a native Californian and has served in his present capacity for four years. He is a member of the Springfield Human Relations Commission and a member of the Steering Committee of the Conference on Religion and Race. He is married and has two children.

His subject for Sunday has not yet been announced but it is anticipated he will deal with the mission of the Church, particularly as that mission relates to the growing social problems of our time. This is the second of a monthly series of speakers sponsored by the Valley Community Church whose aim is to reveal the significant problem areas of our society which must be the concern of the Christian Church.

A coffee hour will be sponsored by the Men's Club following the



REV. HUGH WIRE

service and the public is cordially invited to this or to any of the services held at Old Storowton Church.

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## CHURCH NEWS

### BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Benjamin T. Lockhart,  
Pastor  
Mrs. Frank Merchant,  
Organist - Choir Director  
Mrs. Barbara Briggs,  
Church Secretary

Thursday — 1:30 p.m. Ella Bond Circle meet at home of Miss Lena Cushman, Main Street; 6:30 p.m. Choralier Choir rehearse at church; 7:30 p.m. Senior Choir rehearse at church; 8 p.m. Home Lenten meetings will be held in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. William Thorpe, 1161 Main St., and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Goss at 280 Elm St.

Sunday — 9 and 11:10 a.m. TWO MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES . . . Rev. Lockhart will preach at both services. First service the Melody and Choralier Choirs will sing; second service Senior Choir sing; 9:30 and 10 a.m. Church School for all; 4:45 p.m. Pastor's Class meet in church office; 6 p.m. Senior BYF meet at church; 6 p.m. Junior BYF meet at church; 7:30 p.m.

Church business meeting in the Sanctuary to take action on plans of the Long Range Planning Committee.

Tuesday — 1 p.m. Executive Board of the United Women's Fellowship meet at home of Barbara Briggs, Main Street; 7 p.m. Celestial Choir rehearse at church.

Wednesday — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. . . . Trading Post open; 3 p.m. Melody Choir rehearse at church; 7 p.m. ABC Bell Ringers rehearse at church; 8 p.m. Home Lenten meetings will be held in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bailey, 111 Monroe St., and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meyer, Jr., at 77 Birch Hill.

### CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Floyd C. Bryan, Minister  
Mrs. Andrew G. Toussaint,  
Minister of Music

Friday — 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal; 8 p.m. Merriweds Square Dance.

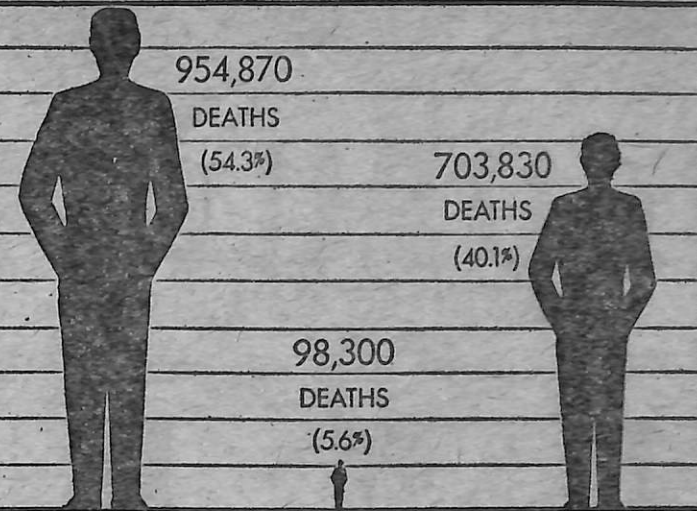
Saturday — 8:45 a.m. Intermediate Choir rehearsal; 9:45 a.m. Junior Choir rehearsal; 10 a.m. Pastor's Class.

Sunday — 9 a.m. Church School Nursery-Grade 6; 10 a.m. Church School Grades 7-12; 10 a.m. Adult Bible Discussion; 11 a.m. Church School Nursery-Grade 6; 9 and 11 a.m. Church at Morning Worship . . . Sermon by Rev. Bryan; 5:30 p.m. Junior Pilgrim Fellowship; 7 p.m. Senior Pilgrim Fellowship.

Tuesday — 6:30 p.m. Senior Choir rehearsal.

More than 77% of the men and 46.5% of the women in the U. S. now have auto driving licenses.

### HEART DISEASES CAUSE 54.3% OF ALL DEATHS



DISEASES OF HEART AND CIRCULATION ACCIDENTS ALL OTHER DISEASES AND CAUSES  
SOURCE: LATEST AVAILABLE FIGURES (1962) FROM NATIONAL OFFICE OF VITAL STATISTICS

DISEASES OF THE HEART AND CIRCULATION were responsible for 954,870 U.S. deaths in 1962, or more than half of the total from all causes. This points up the magnitude of the heart problem and the need for research, education and community heart programs supported by the Heart Fund, which reaches its highpoint and climax on the week-end of Heart Sunday, February 23. More than 1,750,000 Heart Sunday volunteers will visit their neighbors to distribute heart-guarding information and to receive Heart Fund contributions.

### FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Arthur N. Sweeney  
Mrs. Fred Nardi, Sr. Organist  
Mrs. D. Myer, Jr. Choir Director

Thursday — 7 p.m. Senior Choir rehearsal.

Saturday — 9:30 a.m. Junior choir rehearsal; 10:30 p.m. Chreub choir rehearsal.

Sunday — 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 9:30 a.m. Senior High Seminar in parsonage; 11 a.m. Worship Service . . . Nursery for small children; 5:30 p.m. Junior High Youth in Griswald Hall; 6:45 p.m. Senior High Youth in Griswald Hall.

Tuesday — 3:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 557 in Griswald Hall; 8 p.m. First Session of the Lenten Adult Study Group in Griswald Hall.

Wednesday — 3:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 57 in Griswald Hall.

### ABC Kindergarten Now Accepting Fall Registration

The ABC Community Kindergarten is now accepting registration for the fall term. The kindergarten is located in Worthington Hall of the First Baptist Church. The kindergarten is conducted as a nonprofit, nonsectarian operation open to all residents of Agawam. The kindergarten offers a service to the community by providing a sound kindergarten education at a nominal fee.

The purpose of the kindergarten is to give the child guidance and sympathetic understanding during the period of adjustment from home to school life. Since this is his first school contact the child is helped to develop a readiness for systematic instruction which will prepare him for his entrance into first grade. He learns to be a well adjusted member of a larger social group thus laying the foundation for good school behavior.

The ABC Community Kindergarten offers a well rounded kindergarten program including such things as rhythms, handicrafts, reading and number readiness, easel painting, oral discussion, field trips and simple experiments to stimulate interest in science. These projects provide opportunity to arouse and satisfy curiosity, stimulate thinking, and widen the interest of the kindergarten child.

All children who will reach their fourth birthday by March 1st are eligible for the fall term.

Transportation will be arranged for those unable to provide it.

Anyone wishing to register or desiring further information may contact Mrs. Darcy Davis, 76 Parker Street.

### ST. DAVID'S CHURCH

Rev. John S. Tyler, Vicar

Thursday — 7:30 p.m. Atar Guild meeting at the Cathedral.

Friday — 3:15 p.m. Junior choir practice.

Saturday — 8 a.m. George Washington Birthday observance service for men and boys at the Cathedral.

Sunday — 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 10 a.m. Morning Prayer and sermon; 7 p.m. Evening Prayer.

Monday — 9 a.m. Feast of St. Matthias and Holy Communion.

Tuesday — 7 p.m. Acolyte meeting.

Wednesday — 7 a.m. Holy Communion; 7:30 p.m. Litany Office.

### LAY MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Kenneth Thornton, Minister

Mrs. H. Binns, Organist  
Mrs. M. Keyes, Sr. Choir Director  
Mrs. R. Ashton, Jr. Choir Director

Friday — 6:15 p.m. Bowling teams at West Side.

Saturday — 10 a.m. Junior choir practice at home of Mrs. Ronald Ashton.

Sunday — 9:30 a.m. First Morning Worship Service and Sunday School classes; 11 a.m. Second Morning Worship Service; 6:30 p.m. Senior MYF meeting.

Monday — 3 p.m. Junior MYF meeting at parsonage.

Wednesday — 7 p.m. Senior choir practice at home of Mrs. Herbert Binns; 8:15 p.m. Bible Study at home of Mrs. Herbert Binns.

### VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rev. Frank E. Dunn,  
Guest Minister  
Mrs. John Cesan, Secretary  
Mrs. John MacPherson  
Mrs. Harry Prior,  
Music Directors

Thursday — 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal at home of Mrs. Harry Prior, 19 North West St., Feeding Hills.

Sunday — 11 a.m. Services at the Storowton Church at Eastern States Exposition grounds.

Rev. Hugh Wire, will be guest speaker. A coffee hour will follow the service, sponsored by the Men's Club, to afford everyone an opportunity to meet Mr. Wire.

Sunday School classes in session . . . Nursery for very small children; 6:30 p.m. Youth organization meeting.

Remember the annual Passion Sunday breakfast to be held Sunday, March 15th. Sponsored by the Council of Church Men. Ed Giguere is ticket chairman assisted by Dick Willette.

The Men's Club is planning a Whist Party to be held at the Agawam Armory on Tuesday, March 17th. Tom Neill is chairman of the event. Tickets will soon be available and many prizes will be awarded.

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A copy of the Annual Report for 1963 is being sent to policyholders. Copies may also be obtained from any of the Company's 150 branch offices coast to coast.



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## Waste Collections

### ROUTE 5

Friday, Feb. 21 — Alexander Ave., Barry, Belmont Ave., Bristol Dr., Carol Ave., Churchill Ave., Hamilton Dr., New York Ave., North St. Ext., North West, North Westfield, Overlook Dr., Parkview Dr., Pine, Richmond Ave., Roosevelt Ave., South West, South Westfield, Southwick, Sunset Ter. and Thalia Drive.

### ROUTE 6

Monday, Feb. 24—Adams, Cosgrove, DePalma, Doane Ave., Edgewater Rd., Franklin St. Ext., Garden, Memorial Dr., Mountainview, Oxford, Phil, Poplar, Porter Dr., Ridge Ave., Shoemaker Ln., Silver, Silver Lake Dr., South, Suffield and Vadenais St.

### ROUTE 7

Tuesday, Feb. 25—Althea Dr., Anthony, Belle, Centre, Clematis Dr., Colonial Ave., Cooper, Elsie, Fairview, Federal Ave., Federal, Federal St. Ext., Harvey Johnson Dr., Karen Dr., Ley, Poinsetta, Potomac Pl., Prime Ln., Reed, Samuel, Senator Ave., Stanley Pl., Valentine, Valentine St. Ext., Vernon, Virginia, Washington, Westford Cir. and Woodside Dr.

### ROUTE 8

Wednesday, Feb. 26—Birchill, Rd., Carr Ave., Elm, Emerson, Haskell, Henshaw Ave., Kanawa Ave., Lealand Ave., Main, Mar-dale Ave., Nile Ave., Parker, Perry Ln., Raymond Cir., Riverside Ave., Riverview Ave., Ruskin Ave., South Park Ter., Stewart Ln., Sunnyslope Ave., Thirlmere Ave., Veranda Ave., Woodcliffe Ave. and Wright St.

### ROUTE 9

Thursday, Feb. 27 — Albert, Alhambra Cir., Barney, Central, Corey, Edith Ave., Edward, Elbert Rd., Ellison Ave., Frank, Hunt, James Ave., John, Joseph, Kirkland, Liberty Ave., Maple Ave., Meadow, Meadow Ave., Monroe, Pomeroy, River Rd., School, Seymore Ave., Sterling Rd., Sunrise Ter., Willard Ave. and Wyman Ave.

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The above picture shows President John Porter presenting a subscription to the LION magazine to Mrs. Dorothy Holmes, librarian of the Senior High School. A subscription was also presented to the Public Library in Agawam Center.

The lower picture shows the new Keystone Vision Testing Machine being used at the Senior High School, a recent gift of the

club from the Sight Fund, which is made up from donations of townspeople on the Sight Seal project each year. Shown in the picture is Mary O'Brien, Agawam school nurse, Roberta Wilson at the machine, and Dawn Greenfield waiting to be tested.

Richard E. Menzel, Jr., District Governor of District 33-Y, made his official visitation to the club last night, and expressed his thanks for the co-operation given him and lauded the civic activities being performed locally. As of December 31, 1963, in 17,806 clubs in 125 countries and geographical locations in the world there were 700,213 members, making Lions International the youngest of the major service club organizations, yet it is the largest.

This is Boy Scout month. Lions International has the reputation of sponsoring more Scout Troops than any other civic organization. The Agawam Club sponsors Troop 89.

Activities have been started by those committees in charge of the 20th anniversary of the founding of the club. This event will be held on May 20th.

### Enlists



Frank Thomas Lasky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lasky of 49 Worcester St., West Springfield, Mass., enlisted in the Regular Coast Guard after taking the Oath of Enlistment at the Coast Guard Recruiting Station, Springfield, Mass. He was subsequently transferred to the Coast Guard Receiving Center, Cape May, N. J. for recruit training and further advanced training. He graduated from West Springfield High in 1963.

The human ear stops hearing at a 20,000 cycles - per second range, dogs at 50,000 and bats at 90,000.

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## Town Plumbing

### Requirements

The office of the plumbing inspector has issued a notice of plumbing requirements as set forth in the town plumbing code. PLUMBING is described as the installation and repair of all fixtures such as kitchen sinks, garbage disposals, dishwashers, toilets, lavatories, bathtubs, hot water heaters, water piping, traps, waste lines and main house drains.

It is illegal for a homeowner or tenant to do his own plumbing. All plumbing must be installed or repaired by a registered and licensed plumber and comply with the Town of Agawam Plumbing Code.

Gas piping and the connection

All three Agawam Libraries will be closed on Saturday, February 22, Washington's Birthday.

of gas appliances must conform to the State Gas Code and be installed only by certified gas fitters or licensed plumbers.

All work must be inspected and all inspections must be called in to the Plumbing Department Office.

### Violin Instruction

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## INCOME TAX RETURNS

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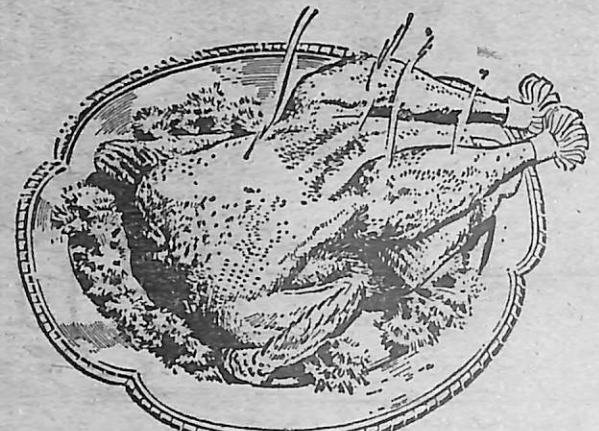
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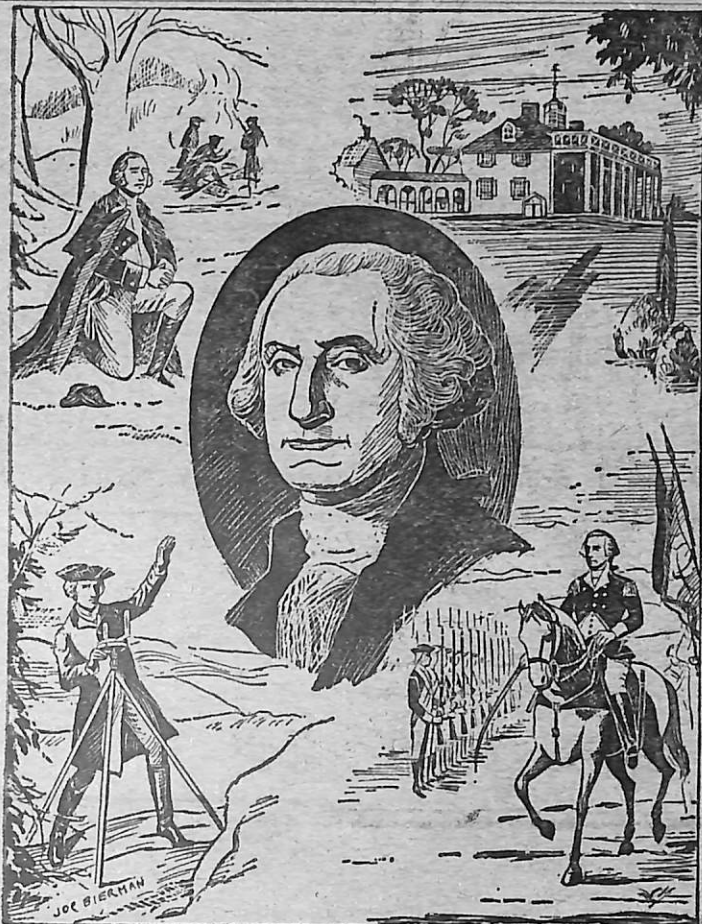
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way back when . . .

## WASHINGTON'S DIARY

By Edith LaFrancis

Although we have no tavern of which we can say "Washington slept here", Agawam was included in the general description of the area which General Washington wrote October 21, 1789.

"I reached Springfield from Hartford by 4 o'clock, and while dinner was getting ready examined the Continental stores at this place, which I found in very good order at the buildings (on the hill above town) which belongs to the United States.

"The barracks (also public property) are going fast to destruction, and in a little time will be no more, without repair.

"The laboratory, which seems to be a good building, is in tolerably good repair, and the powder-magazine, which is of brick, seems to be in excellent order, and the powder in it is very dry.

"A Co. Worthington, Col. Williams, Adj't-Gen'l of the State of Massachusetts, Gen. Shepard, Mr. Lyman, and many other gentlemen, sat an hour of two with me in the evening at Parson's tavern, where I lodged, and which is a good house.

About six miles before I came to Springfield I left the State of Connecticut and entered that of Massachusetts. The distance from Hartford to Springfield is 28 miles. At the latter the river is crossed in scows set over with poles, and is about 80 rods wide. Between the two places is a fall, and others above that, again, notwithstanding which, much use is made of the navigation for transportation in flats of about five tons burden. Seven miles on this side of Hartford is Windsor, a tolerably pleasant but not a large village. Between Windsor and Suffield you pass through a level, barren, uncultivated plain for several miles.

"Suffield stands high and pleasant; the land good. From hence you descend into another plain, where the lands, being good, are much better cultivated. The whole road from Hartford is level and good, except being too sandy in places, and the fields inclosed with posts and rails generally, there not being much stone. The crops of corn, except on the interval lands of the river, are more indifferent, though not bad, in the eastern than we found in the western part of the State of Connecticut.

There is a great equality in the people of this State. Few or no opulent men, and no poor. Great similitude in their buildings, the general fashion of which is a chimney (always of brick or stone) and door in the middle, with a staircase fronting the latter, running up by the side of the former; two flush stories with a very good showing of sash and window glass; the size generally from 30 to 50 feet in length, and from 20 to 30 in width, exclusive of back shed, which seems to be added as the family increases.

"The farms, by the contiguity of the houses, are small, not averaging more than 100 acres. They are worked chiefly by oxen (which have no other feed than hay), with a horse, and sometimes two, before them, both in plow and cart. In their light lands and in their sleighs they work horses, but find them much more expensive than oxen.

"Springfield is on the east side of Connecticut River, before you come to which a large branch of it, called Agawam, is crossed by a bridge. It stands under the hill on the interval land, and has only one meeting-house."

## SOCIAL SECURITY

Questions and Answers

Q. I have not worked since I applied for benefits several years ago at age 65 and was turned down for lack of credits. Would it do any good to re-apply now?

A. It might. The work requirements are not as strict now as they were then. You should make another application right away.

Q. If I apply at age 65, but continue to earn too much to get any checks, will these extra earnings raise my payments when I do retire?

A. Quite possibly. Social security benefit payments are based on average earnings over a certain number of your best years. High earning years after age 65 can be used in re-figuring your benefit rate.

Q. I am self-employed and make about \$6,000 a year but there are always a couple of months when I don't work. Can I get social security for these months? I am almost 66.

A. Yes. You should apply right now—you can be paid for any month in which you do not work, regardless of your total annual earnings.

Q. My wife and I will both be 65 in a few months. I have had a steady job for over 10 years at \$300 a month. What would our situation be for social security if I decide to work part-time for \$150 a month?

A. Your monthly payments would be \$105 and your wife's would be \$52.50, for a total of \$157.50. This amounts to \$1890 per year. But the extra \$50 a month would mean a reduction in your benefit. Earnings of \$1800 a year would cut off \$350 of the \$1890, leaving you \$1540 a year plus your salary. And, incidentally, no taxes would be payable on the social security benefits.

Q. I am 65 and about to retire. But I thought I might wait and collect three or four years' social security at once, since I have enough to get along on right now. Is this possible?

A. No. When you apply for social security benefits, payments can be retroactive for only one year. Make your applications now. If you do not need the money for living expenses, you can put it in a savings account.

Q. What good will it do to make my application just because I'm 65? I earn a good salary and I know I couldn't get any benefits.

A. By applying at 65, you can make sure that your account is in order and that any needed proofs are in the file well in advance of retirement. In this way, you can be certain that your payments will begin promptly when you are eligible.

Q. I am past 65, recently laid off from my job and it looks like I may not be called back. I have delayed in inquiring about social security because I don't have a birth certificate or baptismal certificate to show my age. I can't find a thing. What do you suggest?

A. Come in immediately anyway. We have a long list of other acceptable proofs of age, among which you may recognize an item that you can easily obtain.

Q. I may retire at 65, which will be in a few months. Will it cause any mixup if I sign up and then decide to keep on working?

A. No. You can apply as much as three months in advance of your birthday month, whether you plan to retire or not.

## My Neighbors



February 24

through

February 28

### SENIOR HIGH

Monday: Juice, hamburger on roll, candied sweet potato, whole kernel corn, gingerbread w/whipped cream, milk.

Tuesday: Shell macaroni with meat sauce, buttered green beans, Italian roll w/butter, apple strudel pie, milk.

Wednesday: Roast turkey in gravy, mashed potato, buttered peas, cranberry sauce, bread/butter, jello w/whipped cream, milk.

Thursday: Frankfurt on roll, chili con carne, cabbage-pineapple salad, chocolate eclairs, milk.

Friday: Juice, grilled cheese sandwich, potato chips, carrot sticks, peanut butter honey sandwich, strawberry shortcake with whipped cream, milk.

### JUNIOR HIGH

Monday: Pork and gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, bread/butter, spice cake, milk.

Tuesday: Juice, hamburger on roll, buttered corn, peanut butter sandwiches, applesauce, oatmeal cookies, milk.

Wednesday: Juice, tuna fish salad, potato chips, tossed salad, bread/butter, butter cake w/chocolate sauce, milk.

Thursday: Oven fried chicken, parsley potatoes, peas, bread/butter, chocolate pudding, milk.

Friday: Juice, pizza, celery-carrot sticks, peanut butter sandwiches, strawberry short cake, milk.

### DANAHY

Monday: Citrus juice, frankfurt in buttered roll w/relish, mustard, coles law w/green peppers, cake square, milk.

Tuesday: Beef stew w/vegetables, bread/butter, orange wedge, peanut butter cookie, milk.

Wednesday: Ravioli with meat, tomato sauce, buttered broccoli, rye bread/butter, applesauce, milk.

Thursday: Roast turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, carrots, cranberry sauce, bread/butter, ice cream cup, milk.

Friday: Orange juice, toasted cheese sandwich, buttered green beans, potato chips, chocolate cake, milk.

### GRANGER

Monday: Macaroni and hamburger, tomato, meat sauce, green beans, rye bread/butter, sliced peaches, milk.

Tuesday: Juice, grilled hamburger on buttered roll, relish, mustard, whole kernel corn, applesauce cake, milk.

Wednesday: Oven fried chicken, mashed potato, peas, carrots, cranberry sauce, bread/butter, mock pumpkin pie, milk.

Thursday: Juice, frankfurt in buttered bun, relish, mustard, cheese cube, wax beans or sauerkraut, creamy raisin rice pudding, milk.

Friday: Tomato soup (crackers), tuna fish salad sandwich, peanut butter sandwich, carrot-celery sticks, chocolate peanut butter cookies, fresh apple, milk.

### PEIRCE

Monday: Meat balls in tomato sauce, buttered steamed rice, buttered peas, carrot stix, cookies, milk.

Tuesday: Pork w/brown gravy, whipped potatoes, buttered spinach, bread/butter, apple crisp w/cheese wedge, milk.

Wednesday: Spaghetti w/tomato, meat sauce, buttered green beans, peanut butter sandwich, fruit jello w/topping, milk.

Thursday: Beef-vegetable stew, celery stix, cheese cube, hot buttered corn bread, pineapple chunks, milk.

Friday: Orange juice, tuna-potato casserole, kernel corn, cheese muffins or bread/butter, ice box cookies, milk.

### PHELPS

Monday: Baked hamburger and macaroni w/tomato sauce, cabbage salad, bread/butter, peaches, milk.

Tuesday: Citrus juice, grilled hamburger on buttered bun, onion slices, relish, buttered green beans, apple, milk.

Wednesday: Clam chowder, tuna salad sandwich, carrot sticks, peanut butter cookie, orange wedges, milk.

Thursday: Oven fried chicken, buttered carrots, mashed potato, cranberry sauce, bread/butter, ice cream cones, milk.

Friday: Citrus juice, baked beans, tossed salad, buttered corn bread, lemon pie, milk.

### ROBINSON

Monday: Orange juice, frankfurt in buttered roll, mustard, relish, buttered corn, apple crisp w/cheese wedge, milk.

Tuesday: Italian spaghetti with meat, tomato sauce, buttered green beans, bread/butter, peanut butter sandwiches, sliced peaches, milk.

Wednesday: Minestrone soup, crackers, celery sticks, peanut butter sandwich, oatmeal-raisin cookie, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Hamburg gravy on mashed potato, buttered broccoli, bread/butter, fruited jello, milk.

Friday: Pineapple-orange juice, tuna fish sandwich or peanut butter sandwich, sliced beets, potato chips, pineapple upsidedown cake, milk.

### SOUTH

Monday: Orange juice, homemade beef stew w/vegetables, crackers, celery sticks, peanut butter sandwich, pumpkin cake w/butter frosting, milk.

Tuesday: Citrus juice, barbecued pork on bun, potato chips, buttered spinach, fruited jello, milk.

Wednesday: Pineapple juice, clam chowder, crackers, cheese sandwich, fresh pear, brownie, milk.

Thursday: Meat balls w/tomato sauce in grinder roll, buttered carrots, cheese sticks, apple crisp, milk.

Friday: Fruit juice, baked fish cakes w/catsup, fruit slaw, jelly sandwich, sliced peaches, molasses cookie, milk.

## Mardi Gras Dip

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SPORTSMEN'S  
CORNER

By Bill Chiba

The West Springfield Fish and Game Club is planning another big gourmet's delight Thursday night, Feb. 20th at 7:30 p.m. at the club house. Harry Joslyn, the CHEF OF CHEFS, is laying out a spread of Venison, Bear, Coon, and Pheasant for 150 diners. The tickets are limited, and only a few are still available at the club house. Contact George Alajanian, or Hap Fournier for you deucats.

## Pre-Season Fishing Set

The West Side Club has nominated a very able man to head its fish committee, Hap Fournier. Already, like a rabbit, he has made arrangements with the Mohawk Hatchery to deliver 250, 11 to 12 inch trout, April 3rd plus 10 "lunkers" that will be a surprise to everyone when they are landed. Working with Hap on the committee are the following club members who do not mind giving a few hours of their time to the club: Dick Marona, Sam Tarnauska, Bill Beauchane, Chauncey Stone, Al Guidette, Fred Trella, and "Tricky" Dick Stefanik. The committee has set the following days for the pre-season fishing: April 4th and 5th, and the 10th



The Agawam YMCA Tigers Hockey team play Saturday mornings at the Eastern States Coliseum. The Tigers coached by Alex Baker and Bob Oliver assistant coach, lost their first game last week by 2-1. The Tigers now have

a 3 win and 1 loss record. With 4 games left in the Bantam Division these youngsters between the age of 12 and 14 still have a chance to bid for the title.

If the Tigers take the championship this year, they will be the first Agawam "Y" team to

take the Bantam Division title.

The Tigers are awaiting the game against West Springfield Post 275 which will be one of the most important games of the season. The game will be played within the next few weeks.

Pictured above front row, left

to right: Piquette, Amaral, Rosso, Donovan, Tonelli, Biagetti, Pager, Verteroma; top row, same order: Asst. Coach Bob Oliver, Chicklas, Ramah, Cimma, Wright, DeForge, Reed, Meade, Brown and Coach Alex Baker. Absent when picture was taken, Ed Morassi.

and 11th respectively. There will be a fee of 25 cents this year. This money will go towards purchasing prizes for the "Kids Derby" to be held in May. More on this later.

The major project to be undertaken by the organization this year will be the construction of new pens for the raising of pheasants. The former yards have proven to be unsatisfactory, and many birds were lost by either escaping by themselves or being helped surreptitiously by sneak thieves during the night. Some people do have warped minds!!

President, Al Christopher, wishes to remind the membership that dues for 1964 are being accepted now. If you want to join a club that is on the ball, or if you are already a member and haven't paid your current dues drop over to the club some Friday night or Saturday night and enjoy the food prepared by George while you catch up on your obligations. By the way, if you are looking to put on a game supper it might pay you to look up Harry Joselyn before making final plans.

## What Happened?

Charles Foster, Commissioner of Natural Resources, announces that the Board of Natural Resources and the Division of Fish and Game will cooperate more closely in the future.

By unanimous action, the Board of Natural Resources voted to invite the Chairman of the

Fish and Game Board to become a member "ex officio" and attend all subsequent sessions of the natural resources policy-making agency. What is more surprising to this writer is that the Board of Natural Resources in a letter to Mr. Roger D. Williams, Chairman of the Fish and Game, promises that the Department's land acquisition functions will be closely coordinated with those of the Division. This isn't all — Chairman Thomas A. Fulham of the Board of Natural Resources outlined the Department's interest in assisting Division acquisition projects financially within the legal and budgetary limitations of the Department's recreational bond issue program. Maybe the Board of Natural Resources will have a change of heart as far as the hunter is concerned and open up thousands of acres they own to hunting in the Fall of the year. In the past, this writer always left a joint meeting of both boards with the feeling that the Natural Resources Board was putting up with the Division because they had to. Yes, quite a change. Could it be the defeat that Mr. Foster received on his bill that if enacted into law would have supposedly corrected drastic deficiencies found in the Department of Law Enforcement by Professor Sheehan in his much hidden report? The sportsmen, upon finding that the bill wasn't as rosy as pictured by Mr. Foster, attended the hearing en-masse and expressed their negative opinion. The Hampden County Council of Sportsmen's Clubs paid the expenses of two members to the hearing in Boston. Well, we will wait with our tongue in cheek, and see how far this promised cooperation will extend.

## Conservation Camp

This is a reminder that if your club or you as an individual is planning to send a youth to the Conservation Camp this summer, the space is limited and will be filled on a first come basis. The dates of camping are set by the Division of Fisheries and Game. This year it will be from July 5 through July 18. Last year the quota of 140 boys was filled by March. The man to contact for reservations is Bryant Chaplin, I & E Chief, Division of Fisheries & Game, Westboro, Mass.

## Crab Cheese Dip

1 8 oz. container cottage cheese  
2 tbslp. mayonnaise  
3 tsp. prepared mustard.  
1 cup flaked crabmeat  
1 tbslp. lemon juice  
½ tsp. salt  
Mix together cottage cheese, mayonnaise, prepared mustard; Stir in crabmeat, lemon juice, season and mix well.  
Yield: approx. 2½ cups.

AGAWAM YMCA  
SUPPER SUCCESS

Chairman Nicholas Zucco announced that nearly 500 persons attended the YMCA Pancake-Sausage Supper on Saturday, Feb. 15, in the Junior High School Cafeteria. He said many came in family groups from all sections of Agawam and he was very pleased by the public support given to this YMCA function.

Also favorably impressed by the excellent attendance was Jack Moltenbrey, YMCA General Secretary who came to his first "Y" supper in Agawam.

Chairman Zucco expresses thanks to the merchants who made generous donations of food and to the members of his com-



## WHAT'S DIFFERENT?

What's new in fishing tackle?

Amid the ballyhoo that accompanies the introduction of most "new" fishing lures and equipment, we sometimes tend to overlook the fact that almost everything now on the market has a direct descendant many years — even centuries — old.

Modern tackle is far removed from that of the horse-and-buggy days, observe the fishing authorities at Mercury outboards, but there's scarcely an item around that couldn't be obtained by Grandpa during his barefoot schoolboy days. It may not have been as attractive or as operative, but its results were fairly good.

Even our fur-robed ancestors of prehistoric times devised tackle that would do the job. Small round stones, pointed on both ends with a line tied in the middle were effective in putting fish on the table more than 7,000 years ago.

The Egyptians of about 2,000 B.C. developed a proficiency with a reed rod and length of line very much like our familiar cane poles. In the 1400's walking sticks that were actually nine-foot telescoping fishing rods were common.

Even spinning rods, which Americans consider "new," had their origins as far back as the 17th Century in Europe.

The Romans came up with the first artificial fly, called the Red Hackle, and they also used clam shells as lures. Everything from stone and bone to steel has been fashioned into hooks.

Though the resemblance may be faint, conclude the Mercury folks, it's a rare piece of tackle that doesn't have a fascinating history.

So the next time you walk into a sporting goods store, don't ask what's new, ask what's different.

mittee and to everyone assisting in the kitchen and dining room. The Supper was an outstanding success.

Roger N. Brown  
Begins Navy Drill

GREAT LAKES, Ill. (FHTNC) —Roger N. Brown, 19, son of Walter R. Brown of 70 Elm St., Agawam, began basic training Jan. 17 at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

The nine-week training includes naval orientation, history and organization, seamanship, ordnance and gunnery, military drill, first aid and survival.

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## At Your Service

DAVID C. GALLANO  
Director of Veterans Services



Veterans with GI loans may make extra payments to their mortgage holders at any time, or they may pay off their entire loans without any penalty charge.

The minimum extra payment a veterans may make on his GI home loan is the amount of one monthly payment, or \$100, whichever is less, William F. Connors, manager, Veterans Administration Boston Regional Office pointed out.

Should the veteran later become hard pressed for money, Connors added, the extra payments already made may — if the lender agrees — be re-applied to regular payments in order to prevent the loan from going into default.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Employees of Cities and Towns who are delegates to State or National Convention may attend without loss of pay...

Chapter 41 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 111 I the following section—

Section 111 J. Any employee of a city or town who is a delegate or alternate to a state or national convention of a veterans' organization chartered by the congress of the United States may, when authorized by the board or officer having the power to remove him, attend such convention without loss of pay or vacation pay or leave.

### Veterans Preference in Civil Service...

Veterans Preference does not guarantee a government job to anyone. It does give a 5 point preference to veterans who have no disability due to their service, and a 10-point preference to those with a service-connected disability. The extra points are added to the required passing grades made in open competitive examinations for appointments to federal positions which permit a veterans preference applicant's name to stand higher on the list of eligibles for appointment.

### Pensions—World War II and Korean Widows and Children...

Today, more than two years after the law was passed, many widows and orphans of World War II and Korean Conflict veterans who were not disabled are apparently unaware they are eligible for pensions under certain conditions. Before July 1, 1960, widows and children of World War II or Korean servicemen were entitled to pensions only if the deceased veteran has a service-connected disability at the time of his death.

Beginning on that date, Congress provided pensions for the widows and orphans of these veterans on an equal basis with the pensions granted to World War I veterans' widows and orphans. It is no

longer necessary for Veterans to have had a service-connected disability.

The pensions range from \$25 to \$60 per month for widows. For each child, \$15 a month is added. The pension for orphans is \$35 monthly.

This benefit may be payable to a veteran's child or children even though the widow is not entitled to the pension because she remarried or her income or net worth exceeds certain limits.

The income limit is \$1,800 yearly for a widow and \$3,000 annually for a widow with a child or children. The income limit for orphans is \$1,800 yearly, exclusive of earned income.

The pension is paid if the deceased veteran was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable and had 90 more days of service or was discharged sooner for a service-connected disability.

### Income Questionnaires For Pensions...

Veterans will soon receive their annual VA income questionnaires. You may obtain assistance in filling out these forms from this Veterans Office. Questionnaire will be mailed with pension checks. All affected veterans must have the form filled out and returned to the Veterans Administration by January 31, 1964 deadline date. You are reminded not to fold, trim or otherwise mutilate the form which must eventually be processed through tabulating machines.

### Questions and Answers...

Q. Will the VA exchange my 48-star American flag supplied after my husband's death five years ago? I would like a new 50-star flag...

A. No, exchange is not permitted. However, it is legal to use your 48-star flag.

Q. If I borrow on my GI insurance policy must I repay a specified amount every month?...

A. No. While it is desirable to repay the amount borrowed as soon as possible to save interest charges and to return the insurance principal to its full value there is no required repayment schedule.

Q. Since I bought a home with a GI loan, my family has increased. I have used my GI loan rights, but is there any way I can get a supplemental GI loan for remodeling my home to provide additional living quarters?...

A. You may get the loan guaranteed by the VA, if the holder of your present mortgage is willing to make the loan. Eligible vets may get VA guarantee for alterations, repairs or improvements to maintain their property or to improve the livability of their homes.

### FLAVOR DELIGHT

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## TODAY AND TOMORROW

BY RALF HARDESTER

Feature Editor of TV GUIDE MAGAZINE

JUDY CANOVA AND JAYE P. MORGAN have been signed for the co-starring roles in the 20th Century-Fox's Cap'n Ahab comedy pilot...



Jaye P. Morgan  
... comedy role

Richard Boone tackles his first Western role since Have Gun, Will Travel in "The Hooligan" on his own NBC show. It's based on a play by that son of the old west, Anton Chekhov... Two former TV cowboys are trying to shake the image. Hugh O'Brian (Wyatt Earp) is playing Joseph of Egypt in the ABC-MGM pilot of Great Bible Adventures. He is also emceeing The Hollywood Palace in January, and is portraying the owner of a beatnik joint in an upcoming Bob Hope Show. Clu Gulager (The Tall Man), recently a private eye in Kraft Suspense Theatre, is one of two hired killers in "Johnny North," the first two-hour telefilm, now being shot. The second killer is Lee Marvin, who was on the other side of the law in M Squad.

JACK LEMMON HAS SIGNED to emcee the Motion Picture Academy's Oscar Awards on ABC April 13. No emcee yet for the TV Academy's Emmy Awards on NBC May 25... Three players from defunct TV series are being brought in to bolster one that's foundering. Elena Verdugo (Meet Millie, Redigo), Sandy Descher (The New Loretta Young Show) and Ronnie Dapo (Room for One More) will play Phil Silver's sister and her two children in the revamped New Phil Silver's Show, in which the comedian will now have a home life as well as his life at the factory... Gene Autry owns a new TV golf series which will feature women and such men as Tennessee Ernie Ford, James Garner, and Frank Sinatra... Route 66 has reached the end of the road, canceled by its sponsors at the end of this season. Reason: too much competition from Bob Hope and Burke's Law.

Marilyn Maxwell  
... to co-star

HUGH BEAUMONT, ONE-TIME Leave It to Beaver regular, appears with Marilyn Maxwell and Sharon Farrell in "The Pearl Garnett" story on Wagon Train. Another upcoming Wagon Train, "The Kate Crawley Story," features a couple of very real cowboys: Dean Oliver and Jim Bynum, both world-champion rodeo performers... Sen. Barry Goldwater plays a return visit to The Jack Paar Program in January and Lord Louis Mountbatten is due on March 6... Sylvester (Pat) Weaver, formerly one of TV's smartest program men, will show viewers how smart he really is when he represents his alma mater, Dartmouth College, in late January on Alumni Fun. He'll team with Robert Ryan and Rep. Thomas Curtis in a battle with three Marquette University alumni—radio's Don McNeill, Hildegard and Rep. Clement Zablocki.

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## The Importance of Voting

By Mass. Secretary of State  
Kevin H. White

Citizens of Massachusetts frequently decry the absence of good government. Yet, by a curious paradox, the same person who argues all day about corruption in politics, fails to use one of the best means he has of doing something about it—namely, voting.

In our democratic system of government changes are brought about by ballot. This fact attaches key importance to participating in all of your elections whether they are local, state, or national.

Even in a presidential election the percentage of people who go to the polls has seldom been high-

er than 60 per cent in this country. In the newer democracies turnout is much higher. Nations such as France, Italy, and Israel report percentages of 85 per cent or more. Yet Americans consider themselves the world's most active workers for perpetuating the democratic way of life.

I am particularly concerned at the moment with the chronic indifference evident in our municipal elections. Often fewer than 50 per cent of those eligible to vote, do vote. This means that that frequently one-fourth of the citizens decide how the remaining three-fourths are to be governed. The statistics on last November's elections in the 39 Massachusetts cities bear me out and I am sure we shall have the same unfortunate turnout at the polls in the town elections which will take place during the next few months.

Good government is more than a process of voting; it requires able civil servants and qualified candidates. These facts do not demean the importance of the voter. It is his responsibility to work for good government. His elected and appointed officials can not do it alone.

I urge you as citizens of your city or town, your state, and your nation to vote in all of your elections. Let us put an end to the practice of so few deciding so much for so many. It is a time-worn cliché, but Your Vote Does Count!

### E. L. Coin-Stamp Club Meet Sunday

The Romance of Judean Coins will be the topic at the 6 p.m. Sunday, February 23 meeting of the East Longmeadow Coin and Stamp Club at the American Legion Hall, Gunther Rowley Post.

Dr. Irving Meyer will present slides of the coins of Judea, from the period of the war of the Maccabees (165 B.C.) through the rule of the Herods, and to the 1st and 2nd revolts against Roman rule (66 and 132 A.D.). Coins of this period will be shown including those of Pontius Pilate, as well as the earliest recorded coin of Judea — a 4th Century B.C. Syrian coin bearing the inscription, province of "Yehud."

Dr. Meyer, a native of Springfield, is an oral surgeon, also a research professor and lecturer at Tufts University. His interest in Judea coins began with studies of the archeology of biblical times.

The usual auction of coins and stamps will follow the program. Visitors are cordially invited to attend.

Isaac Singer was granted a patent on his sewing machine and organized his business in Boston with a capital of forty dollars.

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## PROMENADERS



By Norm and Dot Jenks

A news release was received this week from the National Convention headquarters in California in regard to reservations. This exciting event is being held at Long Beach, California this summer July 23, 24 and 25. Reservations are being accepted now and the earlier you get them in the better the facilities available to you. For further information write to the National Square Dance Convention, 5829 Oakbrook Street, Long Beach, California. The slogan for this year is "Dance on our shore in 64". Hope someone from this area can do so.

The new graduates are really on the go and have brought in 3 new banners from The Young At Heart, The Hampden Club and the Stumblers. Glad to see these folks visiting our neighboring clubs.

This Friday, Feb. 21st we are going to Southwick. The Spin'n Wheels Club with Frannie Heintz calling. The dance is at Our Lady of the Lake Church on Sheep Pasture Road. Come along and join the fun.

Feb. 28th Square Dance... Dick Steele, caller; Mar. 13th St. Patrick's Day Dance... Marie Hawes, caller and Mar. 20th Square Dance... Dick Mastriani, caller.

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## LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT NEWS

by Virginia Catchepaugh

### Service, Not Self

"Auxiliary members, of course, have personal cares and problems like other women, but one would never guess it to see them in action — such bright smiles, such happy faces! When they are serving in the Auxiliary's great programs of practical patriotism, they seem to forget themselves — that being, of course, a proven way to find one's self and to find happiness. 'Service, Not Self,' is an Auxiliary motto which is expressed in action in all Auxiliary activities."

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1. The mother, wife, sister or daughter of a member of The American Legion.

2. The mother, wife, sister or

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3. The mother, wife, sister or daughter of a veteran of either war who has died since discharge from war service.

4. Yourself a woman veteran of World War I or II, or the Korean War.

Eligible Agawam women may contact Unit Membership Chairman Mrs. Jean Smith, or any Unit member. They will be glad to supply an application for membership.

### Leeds Dance

This Monday, Feb. 24th, a group of Agawam Unit members will act as co-hostesses at the

monthly Leeds Hospital Dance. Transportation will be provided for those interested in joining them.

### Unit Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Unit will be held on March 2nd at the Legion Hall. P.R. Chairman Virginia Catchepaugh will collect completed "Golden Mike" ballots. Refreshments will be served following the meeting by Mrs. Adah Blood and Mrs. Doris McCave.

### VWWI CARD

#### PARTY WINNERS

The sixth and final game of the present series of Whist Parties sponsored by the Veterans of World War One was held in the National Guard Armory on Maynard Street last Wednesday evening. Door prizes were won by Marie E. Amlaw, Helen Nicoll, Etta Stetson and Ed Burton.

Mystery prizes were won by Marion Cole, Ethel Carrier and George Blood. Ace prizes for the ladies was won by Effie Larabee and Robert Damon took the honors for the men.

The following were awarded prizes for play: Ladies — 1st Helen Nicoll, 2nd Ann Hyde, 3rd Isabel Smith and consolation, Mary Tryon; Men — 1st George Blood, 2nd Ed Lancour, 3rd Ralph Stetson and consolation, Henry Cole.

The winners of the series prizes were ladies, Emma Piacenza and James Cleary for the men.

These Whist Parties are held every Wednesday evening in the Armory on Maynard Street. For an evening of entertainment why not attend these card parties... a large variety of prizes are awarded and refreshments are served.



### BIRTHS

#### GIRLS

Jan. 31 — To Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kutzenko of 15 Seymour Ave., Agawam.

Feb. 6 — To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lowery of 70 Raymond Circle, Agawam.

Feb. 11 — To Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Millette of 78 Southwick St., Feeding Hills.

## My Beat — A.H.S.

by Marsha Della-Giustina

I and everyone at Agawam High School would like to extend our deepest sympathies to Randy and Darlene McLean and their wonderful mother who edits this newspaper over the great loss of their father and husband, Mr. Ernest McLean.

There is discussion at AHS concerning an expansion of the varsity cheerleading squad to ten girls. Since most of the surrounding schools do have ten cheerleaders, AHS would like to compete with the best!!

The energetic, peppy squad has proved themselves very capable in leading AHS students at rallies, football, basketball, and hockey games. Miss Dorothy Hastings is the group's advisor. Last spring the eight girls were elected through an election conducted by the Student Council. The girls performed their cheering jumps and stunts before the student body.

There are five senior girls: Sandi Wein, Joyce Sarat, Jean Daubitz, Lenora Pupello, and Patricia Sullivan. Three juniors complete the squad: Cheryl Caba, Bobbie Ann Wilson, and Linda Pandolfi.

The Junior Varsity Cheerleaders hold the gym floor during the JV basketball games which proceed the varsity games. The soph girls are selected in private try-outs with faculty members as judges. The squad is as follows:

Jackie Bouley, Cindy Collins, Linda DalMolin, Julie Haidemenos, Susan Hamar, and Jane Stowell. The JV team is coached by Mr. William Lyon.

The Freshman Cheerleading Squad is also chosen by faculty members. The six girls lead cheers at the games played by the successful freshman team coached by Mr. Lawrence Sheehan.

The frosh cheerleaders are as follows: Gail Begley, Donna Bonavita, Susan Durant, Jane Gallarani, Kathy Grassa, and Carol Nieroda. Miss Arlene Sikora is the group's advisor.

These are the pretty girls you see leading AHS on to sports victory!!

Coming events: Seniors are giving their classmates their grad pictures!!... Graduation will be held June 4... Library Staff is planning a trip... Hope you are enjoying your vacation!!



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